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ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The Eleventh Anniversary Meeting was held at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.l, on Saturday, April 24th, 1965, at 3 p.m., and was attended by twelve members and one visitor.

Mr. G. W. Groves, a Vice-President, took the chair and welcomed those present and in particular Mr. Ralph E. Group one of our U.S.A. members temporarily resident in Paris. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. J. Branston, Dr. B. de Burea, Mr. J. B. Marriott, Mr. E. W. Stokes and Miss Rose Titford.

The Minutes of the Tenth Anniversary Meeting held on April 18th, 1964, as published in Bulletin No. 41, pp. 22/25, were taken as read and signed as correct by the chairman.

The Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. P. T. Saunders, presented his report on the work of the Circle during the past year together with the Accounts. It was with regret he had to announce that in addition to the loss of Mr. G. W. Collett, our late President, two other Members - Messrs. C. W. Payne and E. L. Webb - had died.

Three members had resigned and eight others had been removed from the roll by reason of non-payment of their subscriptions. Sixteen new members including the first resident in New Zealand had been enrolled resulting in the total membership being increased from 206 to 208. Once again he referred to the laxity of many members in remitting their subscriptions necessitating sending out no less than 85 reminders and 21 were still outstanding. Passing to the Accounts Mr. Saunders drew attention to the fact that the balance on the main account did not reflect the cost of the December, 1964, Bulletin since the statement had not been received by the end of the year. Upon the invitation to raise any queries Mr. Forshaw referred to the disparity between the cost of the Dinner and relative receipts. In reply Mr. Saunders emphasised that this would be materially diminished if many more members attended. Mr. Toeg strongly supported this view and urged that those members who regularly attended this function should do their best to bring one or more friends with them. There being no other questions the accounts were formally adopted.

The Hon. Secretary announced that an invitation to give a display had been received from the Hounslow and District Philatelic Society on December 2nd, 1965. Messrs. Forshaw, Robertson, Thompson and Toeg signified their willingness to give a joint display.

Mr. B. B. Benwell, Hon. Editor, urged members to send him more notes for inclusion in the bulletin.

He mentioned that he had, with reluctance, to send the December bulletin to press with one blank page.

In the absence of Miss Rose Titford, Hon. Librarian, her report was read by the Hon. Secretary. In it reference was made to a recent purchase, 'The Caribbean-Who-What-Why.' Its 850 pages present a wide variety of up-to-date information and although not a philatelic work much of the data it offered could form an interesting background to a stamp collection. Miss Titford mentioned that she would welcome any literature surplus to a member's needs for addition to the library.

Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown, Chairman of the Publications Sub-Committee, stated that work on the next Paper dealing with Montserrat was in an advanced stage and it was hoped that it would be published towards the end of the year. It was proposed by Mr. Benwell and seconded by the Chairman that the sum of £50 be transferred from the Circle's Main Account to the Publications Account. On being put to the meeting it was passed unanimously and the Hon. Treasurer was asked to take the necessary action.

The Hon. Secretary confirmed that Messrs. Groves, Toeg and Ward would act as the Circle's Delegates at the 47th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain to be held at Harrogate from 18th-21st May, 1965.

The Hon. Secretary announced that arrangements were well advanced in regard to the award of a Trophy in memory of our late President which had been made possible through the generosity of Mr. Gerald Collett.

Annual Dinner. The Hon. Secretary expressed his disappointment at the relatively poor response he received from members to attend this function and suggested it might be wise to hold it at longer intervals. The consensus of opinion was that such a change would make little if any difference and it was unanimously decided to hold a similar function in 1966. In this connection Mr. Toeg urged that members who regularly attended should make every endeavour to bring one or more guests.

Autumn Meeting. Provisional arrangements have been made for this to be held on October 9th, 1965, and a definite announcement will be made in the September bulletin. Mr. Forshaw and Mr. Group signified their willingness to give displays of British Guiana and British Honduras respectively.

Twelfth Anniversary Meeting. Following a discussion it was decided to endeavour to hold this and succeeding Anniversary meetings on the second Saturday after Easter in future and an announcement will be made in the bulletin later this year.

Election of President. At a special meeting of the committee held on March 24th, 1965. it was unanimously hoped that our Founder, Mr. P. T. Saunders, would be able to occupy the Presidential chair as soon as he was in a

position to discharge the full duties of attending all meetings and the annual dinner. For the next three years it was proposed by Cdr. Bridgmore Brown and seconded by Mr. Shields Forshaw that Mr. G. W. Groves be nominated as President. Upon a vote being taken his election was passed unanimously. Mr. Groves expressed his pleasure and emphasised the honour he felt in following the late Mr. Collett whom he had known for many years.

Election of a Vice-President. The Hon. Secretary intimated that Miss Rose Titford wished to propose Mr. E. V. Toeg as a Vice-President which he was very pleased to second. Upon Mr. Toeg signifying his willingness to accept, the proposal was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

Chairman. Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown announced that for reasons of health he had decided to resign this office which was received by all with great regret. After discussion it was agreed that the Office should lapse since Mr. Toeg would be able to deputise for the President should the need arise.

Election of Officers and Committee. There being no nominations for any of the Officers or for the Committee and the present holders being willing to continue it was proposed and seconded that they be re-elected en bloc which was passed unanimously. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President and also to Cdr. Bridgmore Brown for his past services in the chair.

Following an interval for tea a display of Bermuda was given by Cdr. Bridgmore Brown. The following were some of the many interesting items shown:

Commander Brown opened his display by reading the notices printed in the Bermuda Gazette of January and March, 1784, by Joseph Stockdale (the Owner, Editor, Printer and Publisher) to inform the Public that he had fixed a letter box on his gate "for the reception of all letters," and that letters would be conveyed twice weekly in each direction between St. Georges and Somerset at 4d. each single letter and 8d. for any letter or packet not exceeding two ounces. He continued with a selection of pre-stamp letters including one of 1814 sent to England by Post Office Packet and another addressed by the Governor to London sent by private ship and posted by the bearer in the London 2d. Post for delivery; a letter bearing the earliest recorded Large Fleuron datestamp, 1828; Hamilton and Ireland Isle seriffed type datestamps of 1842 and 1850; the sanserif type of St. Georges and Ireland Isle of 1848 and 1850; a letter of 1849 to Connecticut bearing the "New York Ship" transit mark; the "St. Georges Paid" stamp of 1852; and the Hamilton Crowned Circle " Paid " mark of 1861.

He showed photographs of six out of the ten or eleven known copies of the famous Postmaster's Stamp issued by William B. Perot in 1848, and of the even rarer Crowned Circle "Paid" stamp issued by J. H. Thies in 1860. These were followed by the first regular postage stamps issued by the Government in 1865-73, including all the values in both perforations, the 1d. imperforate, "CANCELLED" proofs of the 1d. and 3d., and a remarkable Soldier's letter of 1883 to London bearing 2d. (Crn. CC) including an extra 1d. for transit via New York. The "Three Pence" provisionals of 1874 followed, including a close study of the genuine and of forgeries in both types; then another close study of the "One Penny" provisionals of 1875, again including both genuine and forgeries.

Die proofs and blocks of the ½d. and 4d. of 1880 included among the former a block showing the Plate Number under the third stamp from left of the bottom pane. In the 1883-1896 issue on Crown CA paper there were again several blocks showing interesting details, while the die proofs of the "Dock" issue of 1902-3 before and after hardening showed that the die had been considerably modified and simplified. In the "Ship" type of 1910-19 the display concentrated on die proofs, examples of the four plates and the different papers used for the 1d., and the numerous retouches made to Plate I towards the end of 1917. The high values of K.G. V issued in 1918-21 included both die proofs and all the stamps, including the 10/- which was at one time extensively used on passports to pay a Poll Tax on aliens, these copies being subsequently sold, cleaned and offered with forged postmarks. He exhibited three such copies, and said he had handled and destroyed some eighty others.

The display concluded with some postcards. A l½d. card of 1880 with two adhesive stamps affixed was followed by one of 1885 with impressed stamp, and then the two cards both overprinted "One Penny" on reduction of the overseas rate in 1893. Of the former only 87 copies existed and a Post Office employee secured the lot, only allowing his personal friends an odd copy. The display concluded with a copy of each card postally used by a correspondent in Bermuda to his brother in England relating the whole story.

A sincere vote of thanks was given by Mr. E. V. Toeg to Cdr. Bridgmore Brown both for his display and his informative commentary,

NOTES AND QUERIES

ANTIGUA

I have recently acquired a pre-adhesive entire letter written in Paris on 23rd December, 1811, in French and addressed to a high Government official (procureur General) at Basseterre Guadeloupe.

Members may wonder why I refer to such a letter in our Bulletin and the reason for so doing is that the letter has impressed on it in black the large Antigua fleuron with JU 17 but no year, this being the Antigua handstruck stamp type (PG1a). There are no other marks on the letter except the figure '4' in black ink on the front of the letter.

The opening sentence of the letter when translated reads as follows:-

"By what mischance is it that I have not received any news from you since the English took Guadeloupe?"

History shows that the British captured the island of Guadeloupe from the French in 1810. However, by the Treaty of Paris in May 1814 this French colonial island conquered by Britain was restored to France as part of the terms of settlement.

Ever since about 1660 when the sugar plantations were becoming firmly established and more numerous, the basis of prosperity of the West Indian islands emerged. However, this brought with it the disadvantage that the major European powers were always seeking to prise from each other possession of the West Indian islands.

Britain, France, Holland and Spain for about 160 years after 1660, and the United States from about the end of the eighteenth century, turned the Caribbean into a cockpit with the result that many islands changed hands time after time and numerous Treaties were also signed which in effect merely provided the contestants with time to lick their wounds and to prepare for the next round.

In such troublesome and dangerous times the loss of mail and official despatches must have reached prodigious proportions due to capture or sinking of ships and likewise the delay of mail and official despatches due to taking roundabout routes to reach their destinations must have resulted in much lost time in addition to the resultant anxiety of relatives, friends and merchants with business interests in the West Indian islands. All this uncertainty I suppose gave birth to the universal habit of sending a letter and then a duplicate or copy in the hope that if one failed to reach its destination the other would do so.

Against just such a stirring background the above mentioned letter from Paris to Guadeloupe was written. It is interesting to note that the letter was

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KEY. - Names of colonies are given in a three-letter code, consisting in most cases of the first three letters of the name. "All" means all the colonies within the Circle's field of study. Meaning of symbols:-

C Cancellations and postal markings; D deals in material specified; M Mint **only**; PH Postal history or pre-adhesive material: PS Postal stationery; U Used **only**; x Except. * Specialised collection, i.e., a collection including Postal history, Proofs, Specimens, Cancellations, Postal stationery, etc., unless otherwise indicated. The absence of this sign indicates a 'straight' collection of adhesives and catalogued varieties, † Overseas Member.

EXAMPLES.- "ANT, BAR & C" in col. 2 with "CAY" in col. 3 means the Member has straight collections of ANTIGUA and BARBADOS with the Cancellations of these colonies; as a secondary interest he also collects CAYMANS. "CAY: KGVI, M" would mean that his CAYMANS are limited to stamps of King George VI and only Mint.

"StL*, StV*, xPS" followed by "C of All xBrG, xBrH" means the Member has specialised collections (as defined above) of St. LUCIA and St. VINCENT but excluding Postal stationery; he also collects Cancellations of all colonies within the Circle's field except Br. Guiana and Br. Honduras.

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
†Adelson, E. M.	BAH	
†Aguilar, E. F.	D all	
†Aleong, J.C.	StV*	
†Arnell, Dr. J.C		
Austin, R. H.	BAH*	BAR, BER, GRE, JAM, StK, StL, TRI
Baker, A. H.	DOM* GRE*	
Bampton, J. B.	BAH, BAR	
Barnard, C. R.		
Bartlett, C. D.	BER* xPH	
†Bartlett, Edmund	All & C	
†Bayley, Colin H.	BAR*	All xBrH
Baynes, Eric	BAR* BER*	Most & C
Beach, A. E.	TOB*	ANT, BAR, BrG, DOM, LEE, StK, StL, TRI to 1902
Benwell, B. B.	BAR*	
†Berridge, J. M.	All	
Bessemer, H. D.	StV*, xPS	
Bishop, C. W.	JAM*	
Black, H. Moreton	BAH*	BAR from 1892
Blackburn, Dr. R. H.	JAM*	
Blease, H. F. H.	BAH*	
Boardman, J. H.	CAY, JAM, TUR	
Bodily, R.	D all	All
†Box, H. E.		
Branston, A. J.	BAH*	
†Brassler, Norman	All* xPH, xPS, on cover	
Britnor, L. E.	BAR* xPS	PH & C of All xBrG, xBrH
Brown, G. Bridgmore	BER*	All C of BAR, StV
Brown, Dr. H. Vivian	DOM*	C of GRE, C & PS of ANT, StK, StL
Burdett, A. E.		
Burns, T		1958 Federal Issues
†Butler, W.	LEE	
Butt, D.G.	BER* xPh	C of BAR, JAM, TR1

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Calnan, N,	All & C	
†Cameron, Byron R.	JAM*	CAY, TUR
†Campe, G. C.	CAY*	
Challis, J. J.	TUR*	
Chidley, A. H.	BAR* GRE* JAM*	
†Churchill, Jordan C.	BAH* CAY* JAM*	
†Clapp, J. A. W., M.D.		
Coasby, L. R.	BAH* GRE	All xBER, xBrG, xBrH
Collett, G. W.	JAM*	All
Collins, F. W.	D All	
Colvin, J. H.	LEE & C	
†Cornell, W. G	ANT*	All
Courtney, L. A	JAM*	PH & C of all
†Creed, E. G.	StV*	BAR, BER
Crow, W. H. H.	JAM*	C of all
†Daggett, H.M.		Philatelic Literature
Davis, B. A.		BAR, BrG, BrH, DOM, MONT
Davis, F. L.	LEE* xPH	
de Burca, Dr. B.	StL*	LEE & VIR: U. C. of ANT, BAR, Br0, JAM
†Devaux, Robert J.	StL*	All
†Dickason, L. T.		
Dickson, lan W. D.	StL, StB & C	
Donne, C. E.	VIR* xPS	
†Dorn, P. A.		
†Durnin, Stanley C.	LEE* C	
†Eden, O. K.	JAM*	
Elliott, A. T.	JAM* from 1912	
Ellis, Major W. F.	CAY, StV, StL	
†Ericson, Edwin M.	JAM*	
Fielding, J. D.	ANT, JAM	
Fitz-Gerald, F. D.		ANT< BAH, BAR, CAY, DOM, GRE, LEE, MONT, StCh, StK, StL, StV, VIR
Forshaw, E. Shields	BrG* xPS	
†Frederick, J. L.	VIR* to 1900	
†Freeman, F. G.	JAM* xPS	All
†Frishmuth, R. B.	All (M)	
Frost, T. W.	TRI* from 1913	
Fussell, D. R.	BAR*	MONT, StV
Garrard, Dr. N.	BAH*	All xBrG, xStV
Garrat-Adams, H.		Philatelic Literature
†Gaston, H. J.	JAM*	
†GaveIek, J. S.	BAH, BAR, BER	
Gibson, A.	WIN IS* JAM*	
Giffin, W. L.	All	
Gilbert, J. H. O.	D (Auct) all	
Gould, M. J. R.		
†Griffith, Mrs. M. A.	BAR*	
†Grinevicius, A.		
†Griswold, Dr. Arthur S.	BrG* BAH* GRE* C of all	C of Gambia, Mauritius, Seychelles, Br. Australasia and India used abroad
†Group, Ralph E.	BrG, BrH, C	
Groves, G. W.	ANT* StV*	BAR, DOM, GRE, LEE, MON, StC, StK, StL
†Guymer, Miss P. E.	BAR* (Badge Issues)	
†Hall, A. Ronald		
†Harris, Dr. Forest D.	BAR*	
Harriss, Col. O. M.	BAH, BAR, BER, JAM to 1952 & PH & C	
Heap, J. L.	BrG* xPH	
Heathcote, Dr. H. J.	StV* xPS	DOM* TOB* xPS
Herbert, J. A. C.	CAY*	
Hershman, A. A.	JAM; T.r.d*	
Hershman, R. E.	BAR*	
†Hicks, Dr. Henry D.	BER*	
Hillman, A. J.	All (C)	
Hire, C. B. A.	ANT* BAR*	
Hoey, S. Graham	BAH*	
Howe, F. G.	PH, C & PS of BrG	
Huggins, W.		
†Hunt, E. H.		

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
lrving, W.	All	
†Ishibara, M.	All	
†Jaffe, Peter	StV*	GRE to 1901, PH of LEE, StL, C of BAR, BrG BrH, DOM, GRE
†Johnson, A. N.	JAM*	CAY, TUR
Johnson, Bryan E.	GRE*	
Johnson, F. M.	All, particularly PH	
Jones, A. L.	All after 1953	
Jones, C. E. R.	BER	
†Jones, R.	GRE*	
Kimber, H. E.	StL, StV	
†Kitchen, Dr. Paul F.	CAY from 1937 JAM	All
†Larkin, R. H.	GRE & C	
†Larsen, P. A.	LEE	
Latham, A. H.	JAM, BAR & C	
†Law, J.		
Lea, W. E.	All	
Lee, R. A. G.	CAY*	StL*
Leverton, A. B.	BAH, BAR, BrG, StV, VIR	
Lickfold, E. K.	StV	
Lisle, F. B.	BAR, BER, BrG, TRI & C	
Loach, J. C.	TRI* xPS	BAR, GRE, StV
†Lockie, Dr. J. M.	CAY & C	LEE. StL & C, StK, TUR from 1900. Others from 1912
Lowe, Robson	BAH: Chalon Heads	
†Ludington, M. H.	BER*	PH & C of BAH, TUR & PH
†Lyman, R. W.		All (Classics)
Lyons, Mrs. S.	TRI	BAR, JAM
Macmillan, H. B.	JAM* xPS	All
M'Caughey, D.	CAY	
†Malin, L. R.	BER, BrG, JAM, TUR	
Manning, K. J. A. O.	ANT* DOM* MON* StK* VIR* xPS to 1935	All to 1936 x JAM, xStV
Marriott, John B.	TRI* to 1910	
Marshall, L. M. W.	ANT* xPS	GRE* LEE* StV* xPS BER
†Mata, J. F.	TOB* TRI	All
Messenger, J. L.	GRE* StV*	All
Metcalfe, R. W.	JAM & C & PS	
Mitchell, Hooton	BAR* TRI* xPS	All, xStL, xTUR
Mitchell, Dr. T. J.	BER	
†Mounsey, R. C. Jr.	BAR* BrG*	
Murray, Col. A.	PH, C, etc., of all	
Nabarro, F. J. N.	DOM* to 1935	
Neale, H. A.	KGV only	
†Newns-Smith, R.	All M & U	
†O'Connor, Harvey	JAM*	All
Osborn, G. A.	BER* to 1901	GRE* to 1901
Oxley, H. M.	GRE	
Parker, C. Angus	D all, specially PH, C, Ps, Covers, Proofs, Specimens etc	
Partridge, R. F.	GRE & C	
†Paton, C. D.	LEE*	
Paton, I. M.	LEE from 1937	All from 1937
Patrick, C.	JAM* CAY	
Payne, C. W.	CAY*	C of JAM, TRI
†Pierce, A. D.	StV* xPS	BER, CAY, GRE
Pilkington, G. L.	GRE* to 1890	StC. C of Lee
Pratt, R. G.	StV	
Pritchett, G. C.	All xBrG, xBrH	
Proffitt, B.	JAM*, LEE*	
Proud, E. B.	D all	
Pullar, G. L.	StL: M	ANT, BAR, MON: M
Pywell, J. G.	ANT, BAR, StV & C & PS	
†Raymond, G. J.	C & Covers of BAH	C & Covers of all xBrG xTRI
Richards, J. A.	CAY	
†Ritchie, G. W. S.	BER* from 1953	BAH, BrG, BrH, CAY, DOM, JAM, LEE, StL, StV, TUR From 1953
Roberts, T. V.	ANT, DOM, GRE, StK, StL, TRI & TOB	
Robertson, K, J.	JAM	
Ryan, J.	JAM, T.R.D.'s & T.P.O.'s	

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Samuel, Marcus	Spec. & Rev. stps. of all	
†Sancho, G. E.	All ©	
Sanders, Miss G. M.	ANT, BAR, DOM, GRE, JAM, MON, TRI	
Saunders, K. S.		All
Saunders, P. T.	DOM*	
†Seifert, Col. F. F.	JAM*	All* C & PS
†Shilstone, H. M. Jr.	BAR*	
†Simpkins, B. G.	CAY*	
Smith, C Hardeman	ANT, GRE, MON, StL, StV	
Smith, Lt.-Col. G. Saville	JAM	
Soutter, A.	JAM	
Spencer, Eric	BAR*	
Spreckley, A. E.	BAR*, StV*	
†Stitt, W. B.	BAH*, BER*, CAY*, JAM*	All
Stokes, E. W.	CAY, GRE	
†Stone, R. G.	LEE & WIN Is., BAH	G.B. used abroad
†Strachan, T. J.	LEE*	BAH BER BrG. BrH
Sturridge, P. T.	JAM	
Sullivan, D. G.	BAH, BAR	
Surtees, V. N. F	JAM*	
Sutton, Col. T.	CAY	
Swarbrick, R. V.	JAM*	All xBrC, xBrH
Swetland, M. W.	ANT*, JAM*	
Tansley, K	All: KEVII, U	
Taylor, J.	All P.B. issues & covers	
Taylor, Mrs. M. W.	GRE* to 1935	C of BrG
†Taylor, Mrs. P. K.	BER*, BAH*, BrG	C & PH of all
Terry, W.	CAY	BER
†Thetford, Dr. N. D.	St.K, LEE, VIR	
Thompson, E. K.	D ANT, BAR	
Thompson, F. H.	JAM*	BER, BrH
†Thompson, J. N.	BER*	StV, MON
Titford, Rose		
Todd, J. D.	DOM*	TUR
Toeg, E.V.	ANT*, LEE*, MONT*	
†Topaz, R	JAM*	All
†Towers, Dr. R. P.	GRE*	
Townsend, W. A.	BrG*	ANT, BAH, BAR, BER, GRE, StL, StV
†Tucker, Sir Henry J.	BER*	BrH* GRE, StV
Vann, W. C.	BAR & PH & C & PS	
Ward, R.	BrG from 1953	C of all
Watson, W. K.	JAM*	NEV, StC, StK
†Weinberg, E. A.	LEE*	
Wells, R. W.	GRE*	DOM, StL, StV
Wheeler, L. S.	BAR	
†Winter, N.	JAM	
†Zelt, L. E. Jr.	TUR* from 1901	All from 1953

probably written more than twelve months after the British had captured Guadeloupe and its journey from Paris to Antigua alone took virtually six months.

I surmise that the letter journeyed from France by a private vessel to an American port and from there by a further vessel to Antigua where it received the handstruck stamp and then completed the last leg of its journey to Guadeloupe. It is clear that the Antigua handstruck stamp was applied as a transit mark, and as I have not heard of such a mark being employed in this way before I would like to know whether other members have examples of Antigua handstruck stamps applied as transit marks on pre-adhesive letters, or for that matter whether similar marks of other islands in the West Indies were used as transit marks.

Further, can anyone inform me what the figure '4' on the front of the letter in black ink refers to? Could it be the charge of 4d. for carriage between Antigua and Guadeloupe?

E. V. Toeg.

BERMUDA

The Use of a Hand Punch for Revenue Cancellations in Bermuda

In Bulletin No. 43 (p. 62), I reported on a K.G.VI 12/6 stamp (S.G. 120) which appeared to be mint, but which had a hole (3mm. diam.) through the king's cheek, apparently made by a hand punch. I solicited members' views on this and received a letter from Paul Dorn of Los Angeles, U.S.A., who wrote that he had seen fiscally used high value Cayman Islands stamps similarly treated, but nothing from Bermuda.

Since then, I have obtained a lot of these same stamps on pieces of steamship tickets. These stamps had been used to collect the 12/6 Bermuda Tax from departing travellers and were in singles, pairs, and one triplet. All had a hole punched in them and most were otherwise unmarked, although several had part of a rubber handstamp impression of 'QUEEN OF BERMUDA' across them.

A recent letter from the Deputy Colonial Treasurer in Bermuda in answer to a query of mine confirms this form of cancellation. He wrote in part: 'The stamp duty (Head Tax) on passenger tickets of persons leaving Bermuda used to be 12/6 and the method of payment was by affixing a 12/6 postage and revenue stamp to the ticket. One of the conditions for use of these stamps in this manner was that the travel agent etc. must cancel the stamp and the

punching of the hole became the accepted method.'

Today the Bermuda Tax is One Pound and special revenue stamps of that value have been in use since the early years of Queen Elizabeth's reign. They do not appear to be used for the collection of this tax any more, as departing airline passengers are relieved of their money at the airport, along with their ticket and left with nothing to show for either, except a boarding pass.

Dr. J. C . Arnell.

BRITISH GUIANA

De La Rue printings. Plate Numbers.

I am trying to ascertain what Plate Numbers were used on each value in the various issues.

I have the following and would appreciate information on any others which members may have in their collections.

		PLATES			
1876	None on any values				
1882	Plate 2 on 4c and 6c				
1889	1c	1			
	2c	1	2	3	
	4c (SG 195)		2		
	4c (SG 196)			3	
	6c (SG 197)		2		
	8c	1			
	12c (SG 200)		2		
	12c (SG 200a)	1		3	
	24c			3	
1890-91	1c	1	2	3	
1900-07	1c			3	
	2c (SG 234)			3	
	2c (SG 235)			3	
1905-07	1c			3	
	2c			3	4
	4c			3	4
	5c				4
	12c			3	4
	60c				4
1907-10	1c				4
	2c				4
	4c				4
	5c				4
	6c				4
	12c				4
1913-21	1c (SG259)	1			
	2c (SG260)	1			

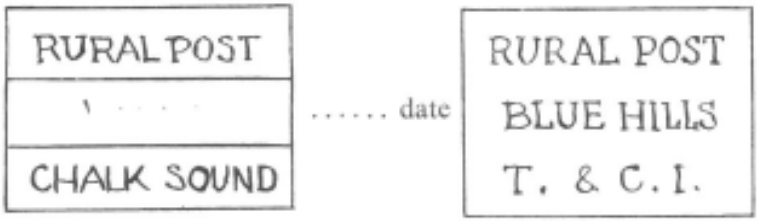
	2c (SG260a)	1	
	4c (SG261)	1	
	5c	1	
	6c	1	2
	12c	1	
	24c	1	
1921-27	1c		2
	2c	1	2
	4c	1	2
	12c	1	2
	24c		2
	48c	1	
	60c	1	
1922-23	2c	1	
	6c		2

W. A. Townsend.

TURKS ISLANDS

Mr. Raymond's note about the BLUE HILLS RURAL POST marking is of particular interest to me as you may remember that in an earlier bulletin I did ask for information on these marks.

My brother the late Robert O. Challis lived in Grand Turk for many years and had seen a number of these marks, his opinion based on information then available to him was that they were made up for or by a "collector" for his own purposes and presumably posterity.



I have personally examined BLUE HILLS in mauve ink on the ¼d. red cactus M.C.A. and LORIMER in similar ink on the ½d George Fifth M.V.A. first issue. I also have a record left by my brother of a different setting for CHALK SOUND, this is dated but there is no note of this or the colour. None of these stamps were on cover.

I should of course be most interested to have any further information which might throw light on the authenticity or otherwise of these items.

J. J. Challis.

"HIGHLIGHTS" from the COLLECTION OF JAMAICA formed by our late President, G. W. Collett, sold by H. R. Harmer Ltd., London, on March 15th, 1965

TOTAL REALIZATION OF JAMAICA £8,297 10s.

GRAND TOTAL FOR SALE (including British Commonwealth, sold on March 16th/17th, 1965) - £19,865.

JAMAICA

Pre-adhesive; 1776, double letter-sheet from London to Kingston, with clear strike of the "KING/STON" Type Tl marking £29

Pre-adhesive; 1808 letter, with clear "GREENPOND/JA" marking. Type T2 £25

Pre-adhesive; 1793 letter to London with good strike of "SPANISH/TOWN" Type Tl £11

Ship Letter;1816, to London, clear oval framed "SHIP LETTER JAMAICA," Type S1, and framed "PORTSMOUTH SHIP LETTER" mark £20

Ship Letter; 1845, to London, with oval framed "OCANA/FRANCA" and clear strike of the "JAMAICA/SHIP LETTER," Type S3, circular "KINGSTON AP 29 1845" date-stamp £26

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G.B. used in Jamaica; Kingston, "A01" double (Type C), 4d. rose, well tied to letter wrapper to Vere, "KINGSTON MY 30 1859" (stamp, slight crease) £32

G.B. used in Jamaica; Goshen, "A44" 6d. lilac, fine horiz. pair on complete letter to Liverpool, with clear cancellation (not tying adhesives), dated "FE 25 60" and full transit and arrival markings £36

G.B. used in Jamaica; Lilliput, "A49" 6d. lilac, tied to large part letter with clear "A49" cancel, dated "Lilliput AP 19 59." Fine £24

G.B. used in Jamaica; May Hill, "A54" 1d. (pair) and 4d. rose, well tied to small piece with clear "A54" cancels, dated "KINGSTON DE 17 59," 5 59" and showing part of circular Mayhill datestamp. Fine £19

G.B. used in Jamaica; Mile Gully, "A55," 1d. (pair) and 4d. rose, on letter wrapper to Kingston; clear "A55" obliterations, dated "MILE GULLY AP 5 59" and Kingston markings (wrapper folded and adhesives slightly creased) £36

G.B. used in Jamaica; Montpelier, "A58" 6d. lilac, clear cancel. Fine with R.P.S. certificate £60

G.B. used in Jamaica; Savanna-la-Mar, "A75" 4d. (2), 6d. (pair). 1s., tied to letter wrapper to Kingston; clear "A75" cancels; dated on reverse "SAVANNAH-LA-MAR MY 9 1859" and Kingston marking (wrapper, four vert. folds; 1 small tear) £75

Issued Stamps

1860, 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d,, 6d. (2), 1/-, cut-down Die Proofs in black, on glazed cards £42

1860 1d. blue, 2d. red, 3d. green, 4d. red-brown, 6d. pale lilac, l/- pale brown, and 1870 ½d. claret; imperf. Die Proofs with 1mm. margins on glazed cards, overprinted "Specimen" £80

1860 1d. pale greenish blue, SG1a, part o.g. block of 10 (5 x 2), few perfs. a little short £30

1860 1d. blue, SGIb, o.g. block of 24 (6 x 4) from top left corner of sheet, wide plain edge at right, one stamp small tear £28

1860 1d., bisected diagonally, SG 1d,, well tied to local "front" with duplex type "A01" cancel, dated "JU 30 62." Fine £27

1860 2d. rose, imperf., overprinted "SPECIMEN" (Type 1), part o.g. block of 11 (6x2 except top right stamp); a trifle creased and one stamp torn into £24

1860 3d. green, o.g. block of 8 (4 x 2) from top of sheet £22

1860 4d. brown-orange, S.G.4, fine o.g. block of 9 (4 x 2 and lower-left adjoining stamp); few perfs. short at left £34

1860 6d. deep purple, S.G,5b, part o.g., centred to left. Fine £24

1860 6d. deep purple, S.G.5b, o.g. horiz. pair, centred to top left, tiny stain £57 10/-

1860 l/- yellow-brown, S.G.6, o.g. block of 30 (6 x 5) from top right corner of sheet; few perfs. little short and one vert. row of perfs. split £280

1870-83, l/- dull brown, block of 4, lower left stamp the "$" variety, S.G.13a, part o.g. (centred to top left, two small stains on lower pair and lower right stamp perf. short) £24

1883-97, ½d.. 1d., 2d,, 3d., 4d., 6d,, Colour Trials on CA wmkd. paper, perf. 12, part o.g. or unused, £220

1903-04, ½d., six imperf. Colour Trials in different colours on CA wmkd. paper, part o.g. (two slightly creased, another a little stained) £110

1903-04 5d. grey and yellow, block of 15 (3 x 5) from top left corner of sheet, one stamp the error "SER.ET," S.G.36, o.g. Fine £50

1905-11, 5d. grey and orange-yellow, block of 9 (3 x 3) from left of sheet, centre stamp the error "SER.ET," S.G.41a, o.g., but slightly toned £52 10/-

1919-21, unissued Abolition of Slavery 6d., photographically produced Die Proof in sepia on large sunken card, dated in ms. "1st May 20" and marked "Approved" and initialled "W.H.M. 5/5/20" £60

1919-21 unissued Aboliton of Slavery, 6d. carmine and slate-blue on Mult. CA paper, overprinted "SPECIMEN" vertically, o.g. £29

1919-21. Another example, o.g. with watermark reversed £29

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE G. W. COLLETT COLLECTION (contd.)

1919-21 6d. carmine and slate-blue, on Script CA paper, overprinted "SPECIMEN" vertically, o.g. £29

1921-29, 1d. Die Proof of the frame of the revised Die in black, with "POSTAGE AND REVENUE" painted in by hand, on card, dated in ms "25th Novr. 1921" and marked "Approved," initialled; and re-dated "28/11/21" £34

1935, Silver Jubilee 2/- booklet, containing four panes of 6, 1d. £42

Rose Titford.

LIBRARY

In a letter I have received from our member Mr. Paul A. Dorn who, incidentally, is the Librarian of The Philatelic Library in Los Angeles, California, he mentions that in addition to the Colonial Office Annual Reports which I listed as being in the Circle's Library, there is another class of official publication of considerably more value which thus far seems to have been completely overlooked by philatelic Librarians, viz. Post Office Guides and Post Office Annual Reports. He goes on to say that the former almost invariably contain lists of Post Offices and the latter often contain dates of opening and closing and other pertinent information.

Mr. Dorn suggests (and I consider his suggestion a most useful one) that I should 'canvass' members for their individual holdings of these and other philatelic literature which they have in their libraries and keep a record. This might uncover and disclose the existence of Post Office Guides hitherto unknown.

I have one other suggestion to make and it is this. Should members have any cuttings from philatelic periodicals concerning any aspect of West Indian philately and for which they have no use, and they would care to send them to me I will be happy to compile them under the headings of each colony. A file such as this could be quite useful to those studying a particular aspect of the country concerned. Mr. Leonard E. Britnor's excellent index of articles appearing in a number of philatelic periodicals which is published in "The Stamp Lover" has prompted this suggestion as although many philatelists may have access to the journals in question by reason of their being able to borrow them from society libraries, many may not. Those who subscribe to a few if not all of the periodicals may not want to keep them and cuttings from these could be made of good use to so many, and I am perfectly willing to collate such cuttings if members care to send them to me.

ROSE TITFORD, *Hon. Librarian.*

HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

DEAR MEMBER,

As you will have observed in the report of our Eleventh Anniversary Meeting on page 21 a Trophy is to be instituted in memory of our late President - Mr. G. W, Collett. This has been made possible by the generosity of his brother - Mr. Gerald Collett, and I am sure all members will join with me in expressing our gratitude to him for his kindly gesture.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate, on your behalf, our new President on his being awarded the Medal of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britian and also Mr. R. A. G. Lee on his being invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

It was with great regret that, through circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to attend our Annual Dinner which I understand was a great success. I only wish this enjoyable function was better patronised and it is my earnest wish that many more members will make every endeavour to attend in 1966.

Elsewhere you will have read of some of the outstanding material in the sale of our late President's collection and I am aware that a number of our members made successful bids for items of their choice which I am sure will greatly enhance their respective collections.

The following have been enrolled as members since our last issue to whom a warm welcome is extended on your behalf: J. R. Gould (London), F. D. Fitz-Gerald (London) and G. E. Sancho (Trinidad.)

P.T.S.

MISCELLANEA

PUBLICATIONS

The following papers have been published by the Circle and copies are still available from the Hon. Sec.

No. 1 AN INTRODUCTION TO THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES, by L. E. Britnor, 1959. Price 10s. 0d. (Canada and U.S.A. $1.50) post free.

No. 4 MONTSERRAT - in course of preparation.

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Nos. 1-7 (reprinted in current format in one cover) 12s. 6d. ($1.75) post free.

Nos. 8-44, 5s. (70c.) each post free.

NOTE: Issues including articles on any specific colony will be gladly supplied.

MISCELLANEA (contd.)

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